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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7734

BILL NUMBER: HB 1708

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 15, 2007

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Core General Education Classes.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Herrell

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires state educational institutions to: (1) jointly develop, with the assistance of the Commission for Higher Education; and (2) offer; core classes that satisfy identical general education requirements at each state educational institution.

Effective Date: July 1, 2007.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The bill requires all state educational institutions to develop classes that:

1. Satisfies a general education requirement for a baccalaureate degree and associate degree, core classes.
2. Aligns with the high School Core 40 curriculum requirement and the end of course assessments.
3. Are based on clearly defined learning outcomes and indicate assessment mechanisms by which a student demonstrates mastery.
4. Allows a student who has successfully completed the course to transfer the credits to any other educational institution.

The bill also requires Ivy Tech Community College and Vincennes University to offer an associate's degree in general studies that includes only core classes. The bill requires that a student who receives an associate's degree from these two institutions may transfer all the credits to another state institution to satisfy the general education requirements for a baccalaureate degree.

Core classes have to be developed by June 30, 2009 and offered with the 2010 fall academic semester.

The fiscal impact should be minor.

Background: The 2005 Budget Bill requires the Commission for Higher Education to establish the initial core transfer library for at least 70 courses and the initial articulation agreements for at least 12 courses.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Commission for Higher Education, State Colleges and Universities.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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